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TRUMP VOWS APPEAL UP TO SUPREME COURT

1 A defiant President Donald Trump has pledged to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary to fight for his revised travel ban, parts of which were halted by two different federal judges in recent days. The legal path forward will be challenging, though, as lawsuits work their way through federal courts on opposite sides of the country, in Hawaii and Maryland, as well as in Washington state, where a

judge may rule soon on another challenge to the new ban. The Justice Department's first step would likely be filing an appeal in either or both of the cases, an action likely to come within days. Justice Department spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores declined to comment on the administration's intentions. REUTERS

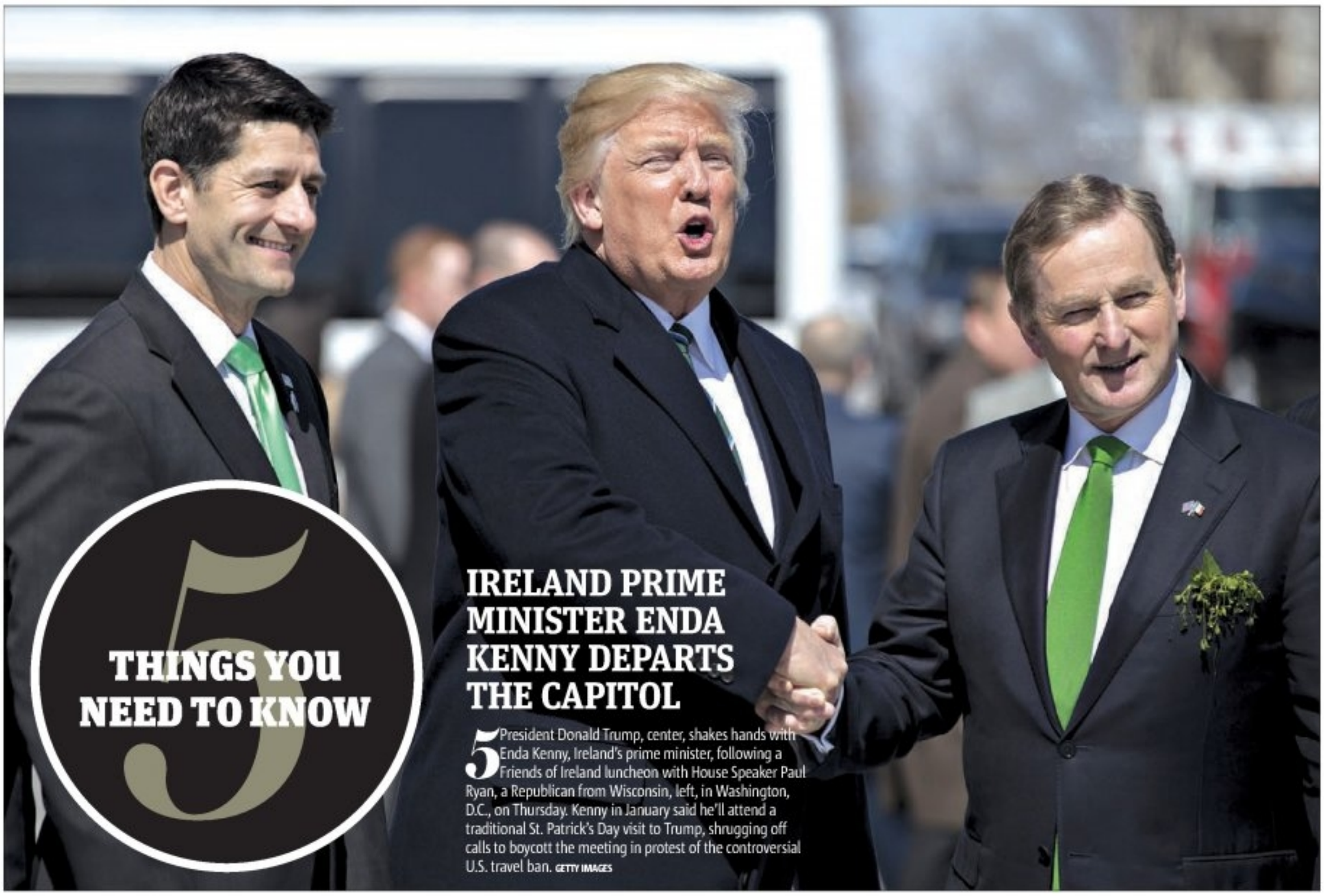
$27M DRIVER SETTLEMENT IN LYFT LAWSUIT

2 A U.S. judge gave the final approval to a settlement agreement in a class-action lawsuit against Lyft, ending a legal case that challenged the independent contractor status of the company's drivers. U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria in San Francisco gave his approval to the $27 million settlement, after granting preliminary approval in June. The judge had previously rejected a $12.25 million settlement offer because it "short-changed" drivers. Lyft drivers in California had sued the company, arguing they should be classified as employees and therefore be entitled to reimbursement for expenses, including gasoline and vehicle maintenance. Drivers pay those costs themselves. In his order, Chhabria cautioned that "The agreement is not perfect." REUTERS

MERKEL LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING

3 German Chancellor Angela Merkel told a newspaper she was looking forward to meeting President Donald Trump in Washington on Friday. "It's always better to talk with each other than about each other," Merkel told regional newspaper Saarbruecker Zeitung. Asked if both sides were curious, Merkel said: "There's definitely curiosity. And also pleasure at meeting each

other. At least from my side." Merkel said she wanted to speak with Trump, who was elected in November, about security and economic issues as well as about future international cooperation. REUTERS



5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

IRELAND PRIME MINISTER ENDA KENNY DEPARTS THE CAPITOL

5 President Donald Trump, center, shakes hands with Enda Kenny, Ireland's prime minister, following a Friends of Ireland luncheon with House Speaker Paul Ryan, a Republican from Wisconsin, left, in Washington, D.C., on Thursday. Kenny in January said he'll attend a traditional St. Patrick's Day visit to Trump, shrugging off calls to boycott the meeting in protest of the controversial U.S. travel ban. GETTY IMAGES

YOUTUBE STRIKE DEAL WITH E-SPORTS PLATFORM

4 Alphabet Inc.'s YouTube is doubling down on the lucrative business of competitive gaming, where players square off on virtual games for big prize money in tournaments. The video site made its biggest investment in the business to date, signing a multiyear deal with e-sports platform FACEIT to stream its competitive gaming league, the Esports Championship Series. E-sports has been touted as one of the next big things in live events, drawing millions of spectators online. Traditional media companies and big videogame publishers are all clamoring for a bigger part of the stakes. FACEIT, one of the largest e-sports platforms in the world, teamed up with Amazon.com Inc's Twitch last year to launch ECS. The gaming website had streamed the league's first two seasons last year. REUTERS

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The life of rapper Meek Mill ain't easy. In between playing shows and cutting records, he's also literally fighting off overeager fans. Two fans approached him in the St. Louis airport after a concert Wednesday night demanding photos, and it ended in a scuffle that earned all three men criminal summonses. It's unclear if the incident violates Meek's probation in Philadelphia, but he beat down rumors of his arrest with Instagram photos showing him living the high life after the incident. Visit **metro.us** for the full story.

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Can a worker be fired for using medical cannabis?

Courts, lawmakers ponder the question.

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Can workers be fired for smoking medical cannabis when they're off the clock?

That's the question currently before the state's highest court the legislature this session.

Medical marijuana is legal in 28 states and in Washington, D.C., but because cannabis is still illegal under federal law, patients who use it aren't necessarily afforded the same protections as patients who use more conventional medications like opioids. Workers can be fired from their jobs for failing a drug test, even if they can provide proof that they are a registered patient.

It's a double standard that Dr. Jordan Tishler, who runs a pot-friendly practice, would like to see changed.

"I think absolutely this medicine should be treated with same regard as other medicines and as far as employees go; they should get the same protections as they do with other medications," he said. "There's no reason to treat it any differently than Percocet, Benzos, or frankly any non-dependency-forming psychoactive medication."

Marijuana is different from alcohol in that it can be detected in the body for weeks after use. And a positive test doesn't indicate current intoxication, Tishler said.

For people like Cristina Barbuto, using medicinal cannabis can mean having to choose between making a living and living in pain.

Barbuto, who has Crohn's disease, was fired from a marketing job with Advantage Sales and Marketing in 2015 when she failed a drug test — a test she had already told her boss would test positive for marijuana. Though her boss said it wouldn't be an issue given her medical status, Barbuto was fired after just one day on the job.

A man rolls a joint. GETTY IMAGES

"Ms. Barbuto explained to ASM that she did not use marijuana daily and would never consume it before work or at work," her court appeal states.

But she was fired anyway. The reason? She said the business decided, "We follow federal law, not state law."

Barbuto has been fighting her firing through the courts ever since. Now it's up to the Supreme Judicial Court to decide whether state law requiring accommodations for persons with disabilities extends to medical marijuana.

In a similar case in Colorado, Coats v. Dish Network, the state's highest court ruled companies can discriminate against employees who use weed, medically or recreationally.

Some lawmakers are hoping to give medical marijuana patients more protections.

"I do not believe any employee should fear losing their job simply because they manage a medical condition with marijuana," said state Rep. Frank Smizik, D.-Brookline.

Smizik is sponsoring a bill that would prohibit discrimination in hiring and firing someone who uses medical marijuana. The bill would also afford patients protections against discrimination in education, housing, and child welfare and custody cases.

A handful of states — Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, and New York — have already passed laws that restrict employers from firing medical marijuana users unless they are shown to be impaired on the job. If you have a prescription for medical marijuana in these states, your employer cannot fire you for off-duty use that does not affect your work.

Smizik's bill has been referred to the Joint Committee on Marijuana.

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Trial concluding for pharmacist charged in deadly meningitis outbreak

The defendant is one of two former NECC pharmacists to be accused of murder in connection with the outbreak.

A federal prosecutor urged jurors on Thursday to find the co-founder of a now-defunct Massachusetts pharmacy guilty of murder over the deaths of 25 people during a meningitis outbreak in 2012 caused by contaminated drugs sold by his company.

Barry Cadden, 50, ran the New England Compounding Center in an "extraordinarily dangerous way," in unsanitary conditions that led to the steroids that it produced being tainted with mold, Assistant U.S. Attorney Amanda Strachan told a federal jury in closing arguments in Boston.

Strachan said Cadden knew people could die if they were injected with contaminated steroids, yet ignored the rules, leading to an outbreak that sickened 751 people in 20 states, including 64 who died.

"It was preventable, but it happened, because this man, Barry Cadden, decided to put profits ahead of patients," she said.

But defense attorney Bruce Singal said that while the outbreak was a "terrible tragedy," prosecutors had not established that Cadden acted intentionally and knew people could die if they were injected with the steroids.

He asked jurors why Cadden would have expected any deaths following a 6½-year period during which the Framingham, Massachusetts-based NECC shipped 859,125 vials without any issues.

Barry Cadden, co-owner of New England Compounding Center, faces up to life in prison if convicted. GETTY IMAGES

"This is indeed a tragic death case, but it is not a murder case, and there is a big, big difference between the two," Singal said.

Cadden faces 96 counts and is accused of 25 racketeering acts of second-degree murder.

He is one of two former NECC pharmacists to be accused of murder in connection with the outbreak, and faces up to life in prison if convicted.

The outbreak led to strict regulations on compounding pharmacies, which mix drugs but previously were treated with a lighter hand than registered drug manufacturers. Inspections after the outbreak uncovered bugs, birds and other unsterile conditions at an NECC affiliate.

NECC filed for bankruptcy in 2014. In 2015, it agreed to pay $200 million to victims and creditors, a sum that included funds seized from Cadden.

In total, NECC in 2012 sent out 17,600 vials of steroids called methylprednisolone acetate contaminated with mold to 23 states, all labeled to indicate they were sterile and all in bags carrying Cadden's initials, prosecutors said.

Supervisory pharmacist Glenn Chin, who also is accused of second-degree murder, will be tried separately.

Lesser charges were filed against 10 other people. Three have pleaded guilty, while a federal judge dismissed charges against two defendants in October. Charges remain pending against the other five. REUTERS

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Al Qaeda operative guilty in deaths of US servicemen, bomb plot

A Saudi Arabia-born man was convicted on Thursday of participating in a 2003 attack in Afghanistan that killed two U.S. servicemen and plotting to bomb a U.S. embassy in West Africa, federal prosecutors in Brooklyn said.

A jury found Ibrahim Suleiman Adnan Adam Harun, known by the nom de guerre Spin Ghul, guilty of all counts after only two hours of deliberations. He faces life in prison at his sentencing.

Harun was not present in court for the trial. Since his extradition from Italy in October 2012, he has insisted he is a "warrior" who should face a military tribunal rather than criminal proceedings.

Before one court appearance in May, Harun struggled with U.S. marshals and ripped off his clothes in an effort to avoid coming to court. U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan has allowed Harun to observe the proceedings from a jail cell.

Ibrahim Suleiman Adnan Adam Harun US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HANDOUT

As of the start of his trial 10 days ago, Harun had not spoken with his court-appointed defense lawyers for two years.

Prosecutors used Harun's own words against him during the trial, playing recordings taken in Italy after his capture in which he described how he dreamed of joining "jihad" as a young boy.

"The defendant embraced terrorism at a young age and made it his life's work," Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Jacobs said in his opening statement.

Harun, who claims Niger citizenship, traveled to Afghanistan to join al Qaeda weeks before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, on U.S. soil, prosecutors said.

After receiving extensive arms training, Harun fled with other fighters to the mountainous region along the Pakistan border.

In 2003, he took part in an assault on U.S. troops in 2003 that killed Army Private 1st Class Jerod Dennis, 19, and Air Force Airman 1st Class Raymond Losano, 24, prosecutors said. A Koran recovered from the site bore Harun's fingerprints.

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Dan Stevens and Emma Watson star in "Beauty and the Beast." DISNEY

The magic of "Beauty and the Beast" gets an update in Disney's live-action remake.

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Call it a cliche, but Disney movies have a certain magic about them. How else do you explain classically trained British actress Gugu Mbatha-Raw giggling with delight when discussing being transformed into the feather duster Plumette for the new live-action remake of "Beauty and the Beast"?

It's a departure for the actress, who's made her name in tougher fare like the abolitionist period film "Belle," Matthew McConaughey's Confederate rebellion drama "Free State of Jones" and the upcoming "Miss Sloane" with Jessica Chastain about the seedy world of lobbyists.

While it's no issue film, the animated "Beauty and the Beast" was revolutionary in its own ways back in 1991. It's perhaps the only Disney movie where the heroine (Emma Watson) rescues the prince (Dan Stevens). And despite being household objects, the supporting cast are hardly mere window dressing — as the dovelike feather duster, Mbatha-Raw got a true love story too, with Ewan McGregor's candelabra, Lumiere.

We talked to the 33-year-old actress about childhood dreams and the controversy over Disney's first openly gay character.

You grew up in England; are Disney movies as influential there as in the States?

Oh, absolutely. Disney has a global impact and for me, certainly. When I was 8 years old, it became my favorite Disney movie. I was obsessed with it. I knew all the words to all the songs, I had the cassette tape and listened to it in my mum's car — I don't know if she sang along, but I certainly did.

Plumette and Lumiere

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What made it your favorite?

I was really inspired by that idea of beauty coming from within, which is an oldie but a goodie. I loved Belle as a heroine — I also grew up in a small town [Oxfordshire] and I always knew there was more out there. I didn't always feel like I fitted in where I grew up, so I related to Belle on that level, and also the fact that she reads books and she knows her own mind. She's a really cool heroine.

How does the audition to be a feather duster work?

I was really fortunate enough to be offered the part, which was very exciting. When I got the call from my agent I squealed down the phone. That 8-year-old inside of me was so excited on my behalf. It was a real honor, and this cast is so amazing.

Unlike in most animated films, you actually got to act with your fellow castmates.

The first time I met Ewan McGregor was actually in dance rehearsal, we had a class to learn the dance for the final ballroom number. So that was a great icebreaker, to dance with somebody, because when we went off to record all of our vocal work solo in a recording studio just with a sound engineer and [director] Bill Condon.

The film has come into some controversy after revealing that Josh Gad's LeFou, the sidekick to Gaston, will be Disney's first openly gay character. Do you think art has a responsibility to reflect the real world?

Absolutely, and I think that was Bill Condon's intention, to make a "Beauty and the Beast" for 2017. I'm proud and psyched to be associated with a movie that celebrates diversity and celebrates love in all its forms to reflect the world we live in today.

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Melinda Lopez and Ally Dawson in a scene from the SpeakEasy Stage Company production of "Grand Concourse," running now through April 1. GLENN PERRY PHOTOGRAPHY

Practice what you preach

SpeakEasy's "Grand Concourse" considers religious life through a different lens.

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When it comes to your chosen religion, how much of what you practice reflects who you really are? The disparity of what we preach and what we sometimes do is center stage in SpeakEasy's current production "Grand Concourse," playing through April 1. Sister Shelley finds her work at a Bronx soup kitchen to be rewarding and on-brand, but finds herself questioning her calling when a newcomer volunteer puts her personal life into perspective.

"Shelley's first line in the play is, 'I'm stuck,'" explains actress Melinda Lopez, who takes on the role in the Bridget Kathleen O'Leary-directed production. "I think she's in a place in her life where she's asking, 'Is there something more?' Sometimes people who are satisfied with work wake up and realize nothing is working anymore. For Shelley, in a religious vocation, it's one-upped with a question of faith — but that's not what this play is about. It's deeper than that."

We chat with Lopez, who is fresh off the acclaim of her ArtsEmerson production "Mala," and is the current playwright in residence at the Huntington. She speaks to her character's off-stage dilemma and considerations that go into playing an extremely self-aware character.

What's the tipping point for Shelley that causes her to have this crisis of confidence?

There are off-stage issues with her family, which is very clear is dysfunctional, and her father is not well. And instead, she's taking care of other people, not him. So she's conflicted. She feeds the homeless and is not doing right by her family and she knows that.

Would you consider Shelley a character who is self-aware?

Yes, painfully so — it's paralyzing. This idea of self-sacrifice and service where we can wear a mantle of holiness but in fact we're doing it for all the wrong reasons. The play centers on forgiveness and why we forgive. Is it just because it's easier than actually dealing with our own pain that we can bury it?

I can't think of any play that does that addresses forgiveness in a way that feels intensely familiar to me. That's why I was really excited for the script. I feel like I come across my own failures to forgive and move forward. I sometimes assume [that makes] me a bad person, but the play really questions that. Maybe you're not a bad person. Maybe there are things that can't be forgiven.

You've had a busy year — and going from one introspective production to another; how did you emotionally and professional prepare?

It takes a toll on my family and I couldn't do it without a lot support. But it's also my job. So you do you job, get drained and then you find ways to fill up your reserve. I think anyone who works or takes care, [his or her] kids can identify with that. That's what's so recognizable about Shelley. She doesn't love her work anymore, and I've definitely had those moments, too. But I'm not going to suggest an actor's life or an artist's life isn't privileged. It's a privilege to do what I love. But sometimes, I'm really tired. [Laughs] I think I try to do what I can to take care of myself and fill my life with a lot of love.

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Soothe your St. Patrick’s Day hangover or keep the party going with Saturday’s late night 35 mm screening of “The Departed” at the Coolidge Corner Theatre. It might be sacrilegious to point out that the definitive Boston Irish mob movie of our era was made by an Italian from Queens, but then Martin Scorsese films have always had an anthropological interest in tribalism. Whether he’s chronicling the wealthiest gangs of New York in “The Age of Innocence” or feudal Japan in last year’s “Silence,” most Scorsese pictures are about cloistered societies closing ranks to purge unwanted outsiders. Kind of sums up Old Southie in a nutshell, doesn’t it?

Adapted by Dorchester’s own William Monahan from the gripping 2002 Hong Kong thriller “Infernal Affairs,” “The Departed” keeps the story of a crooked cop (Matt Damon) and an undercover agent (Leonardo DiCaprio) hunting one another through a maze of secret alliances. But Monahan’s stroke of genius was to lay elements of the Whitey Bulger saga on top of this pulpy framework, with Jack Nicholson chewing scenery as a paranoid, half-mad mobster snitching to the FBI and suspecting everyone else must be a rat, too.

What the movie gets right about Boston is the bluster. Monahan pens blistering arias of profanity and casual racism shot through with a mordant Irish gallows humor. The young stars give fine performances, but more convincingly close to home are the beefy, red-faced blowhards played by Alec Baldwin and Ray Winstone.

A job for hire, “The Departed” is one of Scorsese’s least soulful movies, yet perhaps his most conventionally entertaining. He jokes it’s the only one with a plot, though if anyone can explain what happened to those stolen microprocessors in the movie, we’re all ears. (What a great, self-deprecating wink that this Hollywood remake features a subplot about ripping off the Chinese.) Editor Thelma Schoonmaker paces the film like it’s strapped to a rocket — we’re already 19 minutes in and have covered 20 years’ worth of backstory before the title card even drops.

Scorsese peppers “The Departed” with sly visual gags. Blink and you’ll miss that when Vera Farmiga’s talking to boyfriend Damon about his impotence she’s eating a banana. In a tribute to Howard Hawks’ original 1932 “Scarface,” he features an “X” somewhere in the frame whenever someone’s about to get whacked. Watch the movie with this in mind and you’ll start to see them everywhere.

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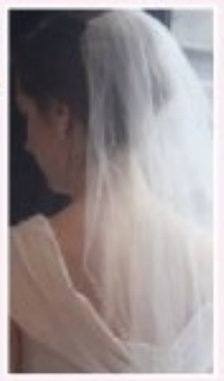
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David Price's elbow health will play a huge role in the Red Sox pitching outlook for 2017. GETTY IMAGES

PRICE'S ARM IS A COMPLICATED, POTENTIALLY MAJOR ISSUE

DANNY PICARD

OPINION

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While drooling over the New England Patriots' offseason, it's possible you missed a spring-training story line that isn't exactly a nonstory.

Red Sox starter David Price will begin the regular season on the disabled list. Unfortunately, it's not that simple.

Two weeks ago, Price was scratched from his first spring-training start of 2017. He was experiencing soreness in his throwing forearm and elbow. After having an MRI and consulting with specialists, Price decided to get a second opinion from Dr. James Andrews.

The result of that visit with Andrews? No surgery. No injection. Just rest, medication and treatment. For now, at least.

The 31-year-old Price is throwing again. He said this week that the pain is gone, and that he's no longer taking any medication.

All good then, right? Well, not really.

Price went on to say this week that, had he been "22 or 23" years old, he would have been told to have surgery. So obviously there's something going on, physically, with Price's throwing arm.

We don't even really know what type of injury Price is dealing with. He told reporters this week that doctors used medical terms that were unknown to him. All he knows is that, if he were 10 years younger, he'd be having surgery.

This has officially become more than just coffee and conversation. If you admit you'd be having surgery on this situation 10 years ago, there's obviously something going on in there that needs to be repaired. And if this wasn't a situation at all, there would be no DL stint to begin the season.

So, here are my questions: What if this soreness in the forearm and elbow comes back again during the season? Will there be another MRI? Will there then be another visit to Andrews for another second opinion?

Price returned from his original doctor's visit telling reporters he was told he has a "unique" elbow.

"They're like, 'Your elbow is extremely unique. It's found a way to kind of heal itself,'" said Price. "So it's pretty neat."

But again, if he were "22 or 23," he'd be having surgery.

My advice would be to have surgery right now. Because if you think there's any chance this soreness could return, then the decision to have surgery at a later date would not only wipe out his 2017 season, but probably most of 2018, too.

So why wait?

Price and the Red Sox have decided on a rest-and-recovery solution to what could potentially be a very big issue. To me, this seems more like Price wanting to prove to Boston that he can play through the pain than it is him and the team wanting to actually play it smart.

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HITS PER NINE INNINGS GIVEN UP BY DAVID PRICE LAST YEAR, HIS FIRST WITH THE RED SOX. THE RATE IS A CAREER HIGH (AND HIS 3.99 ERA WAS THE SECOND WORST IN HIS CAREER)

He cares what the fans here think. Just look at his Twitter account. Better yet, take a ride with him through the Starbucks drive through at 6:30 a.m.

Price knows how upset people would be to hear that he'd miss his entire second season with the Red Sox if he had surgery in spring training. So he'll show everyone he's not going down that easy, not after the huge contract he just signed, and certainly not after another postseason stinker.

Perhaps he cares too much about what people think. But I've got news for him: Those same people will be even more upset if he waits on a surgery that might be inevitable and forces him to miss two full seasons instead of just one.

That's if the surgery is, in fact, inevitable. Which we don't know for sure, because again, we don't even know what the injury or the extent of the damage is.

All we know is that if he were in his early 20s, his season would already be over.

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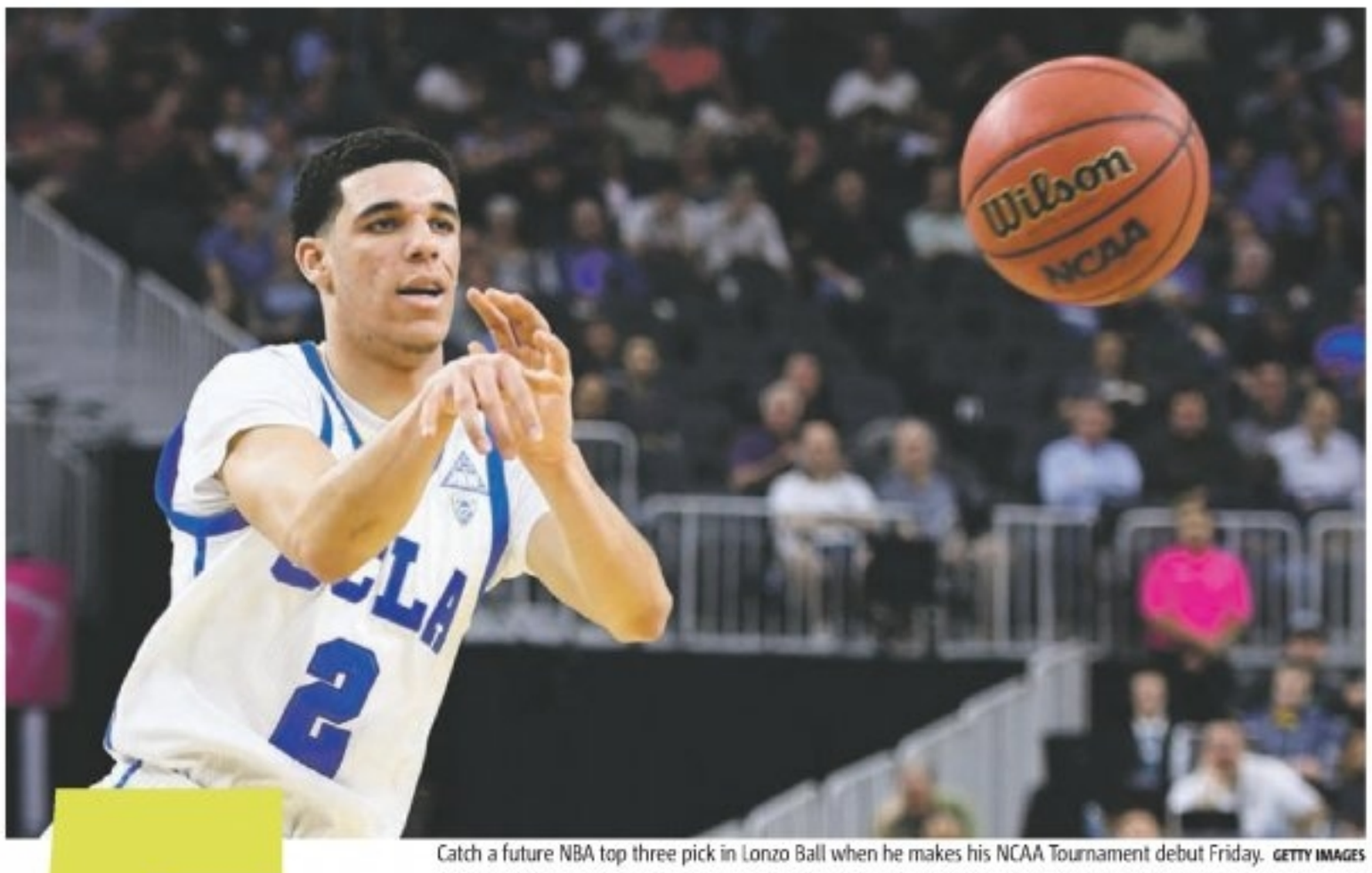

Catch a future NBA top three pick in Lonzo Ball when he makes his NCAA Tournament debut Friday. GETTY IMAGES

5 March Madness games to watch on Day 2 Friday

With so many options, we'll tell you just what channel to turn to when action continues Friday.

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1 No. 7 Michigan vs. No. 10 Oklahoma State at 12:15 p.m. on CBS in Indianapolis

Before last week, this matchup of two mostly underperforming Power Five conference teams would not have deserved much attention. However, that all changed as the Wolverines' (24-11) chartered plane skidded off the runway when they were en-route to the Big Ten Tournament in Brooklyn (yes, grandpa, you read that right). The Wolverines played their first game versus Illinois in their practice jerseys and from there, they won four games in four days to capture an unlikely Big Ten title. The Big Blue are one of the most bandwagon teams in college sports so it's not like they need additional fans but it feels like everyone will be rooting for them against the Cowboys (20-12).

2 No. 3 Oregon vs. No. 14 Iona at 2 p.m. on TBS in Sacramento

If you are a fan of points in a college basketball game, which is far from a given these days, you'll want to check out this one (gambling hint: take the over). The Ducks (29-5) and Gaels (22-12) can both fill it up, as they say. Before center Chris Boucher tore his ACL in the Pac 12 Tournament, Oregon was viewed by many as a national title contender. They could still make a run in the NCAA Tournament but it will be hard without their long shot-blocker. The Ducks do have junior small forward Dillon Brooks (16.3 points per game) though who is probably the most clutch player in the country.

3 No. 6 Creighton vs. No. 11 Rhode Island at 4:30 p.m. on TBS in Sacramento

The Rams (24-9) are making their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1999 and they are a popular upset pick since they won the Atlantic 10 Tournament and come in riding an eight-game win streak. Head coach Dan Hurley's team is led by high-scoring point guard E.C. Matthews (14.9 points per game). The Blue Jays (25-9) lost to Villanova (31-3) in the Big East championship game and their former point guard Maurice Watson Jr. was felled by a torn ACL during the regular season, otherwise they'd be seeded even higher.

4 No. 7 Dayton vs. No. 10 Wichita State at 7:10 p.m. on CBS in Indianapolis

No team has a more legitimate beef with the NCAA Tournament committee than the Shockers (30-4), since year after year they get terrible draws (both in terms of seeding and potential opponents). Las Vegas knows it is a joke since the Flyers (24-7) are a whopping six-point underdog in this matchup. The winner will likely face No. 2 seed Kentucky (29-5) in the Round of 32, some reward for another stellar season by the Missouri Valley champions.

5 No. 3 UCLA vs. No. 14 Kent State at 9:57 p.m. on TruTV in Sacramento

Putting aside all of the insane verbal diarrhea constantly coming from his overbearing father (Lavar Ball), Bruins (29-4) point guard Lonzo Ball (14.6 points per game, 7.7 assists per game and 6.1 rebounds per game) is a special kind of talent that could both lead UCLA to an NCAA championship in his freshman season and then be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft this June (by the Celtics?).

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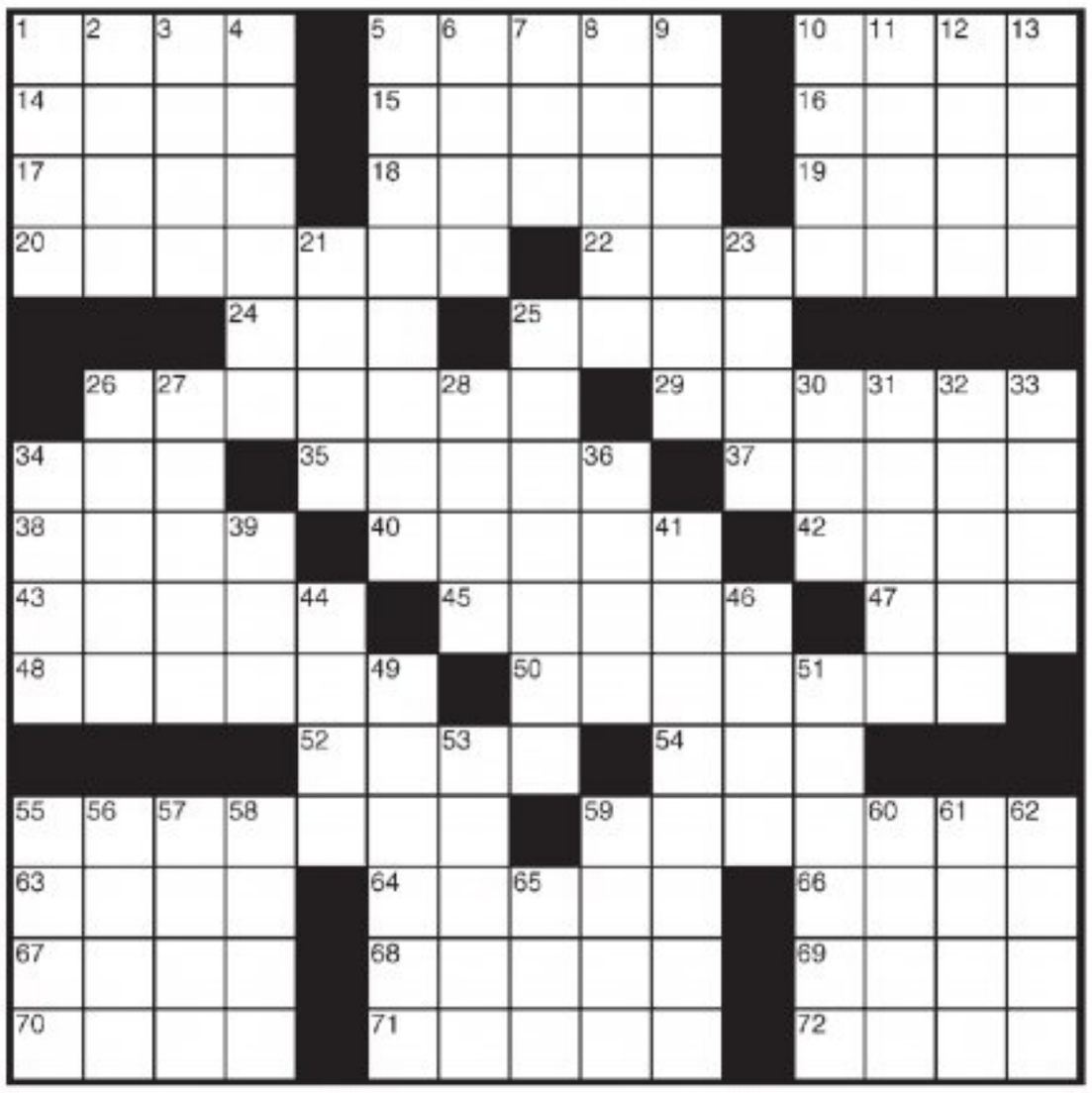

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